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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/14/2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/14/2006; 10/8/2004</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (Pub. No.: US 2002/0140652 A1).

With respect to Claim 5, Suzuki teaches a liquid crystal display for image display using a liquid crystal display panel (*See figure 1; [0033], lines 1-7*), comprising: a write-gray scale level determining section (*See figure 3, elements 36 and 46; [0054], lines 4-10*) for determining write-gray scale level data for input image data that compensates an optical response characteristic of the liquid crystal display panel, in accordance with, at least, a combination of gray scale level transitions from a previous vertical display period to a current vertical display period (*[0041], lines 1-4*); an achievable gray scale level determining section (*See figure 3, elements 34 and 44; [0053], lines 8-17*) for generating achievable gray scale level data for input image data after a lapse of one vertical display period of the liquid crystal display panel, in accordance with, at

least, a combination of gray scale level transitions from one vertical display period to the next ([0041], lines 1-4); and a temperature detector (See figure 1, element 24; [0096], lines 1-6 and 11-15; [0097]) for detecting a device interior temperature (*note that characteristics of a device interior is equivalent to response characteristics of liquid crystal material*), wherein the write-gray scale level determining section determines the write-gray scale level data to be supplied to the liquid crystal display panel, based on achievable gray scale level data of the liquid crystal display panel, corresponding to input image data at the previous vertical display period (See figure 3, element 36; [0057], lines 12-14; represented as nFp), output from the achievable gray scale level determining section ([0057], lines 1-5; represented as Δp and Δo) and the input image data at the current vertical display period ([0057], lines 1-5; represented as nFi), and wherein the achievable gray scale level determining section, based on the detected device interior temperature (See figure 3; [0043], lines 7-16; [0096], lines 6-11), determines the achievable gray scale level data for the input image data after the lapse of one vertical display period of the liquid crystal display panel ([0056], lines 1-11; *note that input into the achievable gray scale level determining portion is based on the detected device interior temperature*).

With respect to **Claim 6**, Suzuki teaches the liquid crystal display according to Claim 5, wherein the write-gray scale level determining section, based on the detected device interior temperature, determines the write-gray scale level data for compensating the optical response characteristic of the liquid crystal display panel (*note that input into the achievable gray scale level determining portion is based on the detected device interior temperature and output data from the achievable gray scale level determining portion is input to the write-gray*

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scale level determining section, thus the determined write-gray scale level data for compensating the optical characteristic of the liquid crystal display panel is based on the detected device interior temperature).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donna V. Lui whose telephone number is (571) 272-4920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571)272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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